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SUBJECT: PROPOSED HANDICAPPED REHABILITATION PROJECT - GUINEA

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1. EMBASSY HAS HEARD FROM STATE COMMITTEE THAT GOG MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS IS ALSO SENDING US WRITTEN REQUEST FOR TEAM OF IEF REHABILITATION EXPERTS TO VISIT GUINEA DURING MAY 76.

2. IN PRINCIPAL, EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME IEF VISIT, SINCE GOG SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED IT, AND SINCE, PRESUMABLY, GUINEAN OFFICIALS WILL BE PREPARED TO ASSIST SUBSTANTIALLY IN SUPPORTING MISSION. GOG REQUEST CONSTITUTES CLEAR EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS ACHIEVED BY IV GRANTS JULY-AUGUST 75 TO CONDE AND CURTIS. REQUEST THAT AF/W BRING TO ATTENTION OF CU SUBSTANCE OF THIS FOLLOW-UP TO GRANTS.

3. DEPARTMENT SHOULD STRESS ONCE AGAIN TO IEF SUBSTANCE OF PARA 2 REF A: I.E. IMPORTANCE OF NOT RAISING EXPECTATIONS OF GOG; AND UNAVAILABILITY OF AID FINANCING FOR FUTURE PROJECTS RELATED TO VISIT.

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4. AS SOON AS EMBASSY RECEIVES OFFICIAL REQUEST, WE WILL

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DISCUSS IN DETAIL WITH MINISTRY SOCIAL AFFAIRS, THEIR INTENTIONS AND CAPABILITIES RE SUPPORT FOR IEF MISSION. SPECIFICALLY EMBASSY WOULD INSIST THAT GOG PROVIDE HOUSING, FOOD AND TRANSPORTATION. WE WOULD INFORM MINISTRY THAT IEF TEAM MIGHT BE IN POSITION REIMBURSE GOG (IN SYLIS) FROM PER DIEM.

5. FROM EMBASSY EXPERIENCE, GOG DOES GOOD JOB WITHIN VERY LIMITED CAPACITY IN SUPPORT FOR OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS IT HAS INVITED. WE WOULD EXPECT THAT APPROPRIATE LODGING WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE CONAKRY. IN FACT WE WOULD INSIST ON THIS, SINCE HOTELS ARE TOTALLY INADEQUATE. ALSO IN OUR EXPERIENCE, TRANSPORTATION IS ALWAYS MAJOR PROBLEM. EMBASSY WOULD INFORM MINISTRY THAT WE CANNOT PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR TEAM.

6 THIS MESSAGE IS ONLY INTERIM REPLY TO REF A, PENDING DISCUSSIONS WITH GOG. MACDONALD

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